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ALL RENO/RENEAU 5TH ANNUAL REUNION OCTOBER 9-10, 2009 STAUNTON, VA

We have the dates, the times, the place! We have many of the costs (which we think are extremely reasonable!) We also have lots of ideas to make this not only the most exciting Reno/Reneau reunion ever, but also one of the best vacations that you could have. Please make your plans to come and then spread the word!!!

DATES: Friday and Saturday, October 9-10, 2009

TIMES: Friday – registration (opens at 5:00 p.m.), visiting, sharing and copying photos and documents, and possible excursions...

Saturday – the meeting room opens at 9:00 a.m. for registration, visiting, and sharing of “stuff.” We have plans for information tables that you may want to browse. Entertainment, our business meeting, the silent auction, the raffle, and a wonderful 3-entrée buffet luncheon will take much of the day. That afternoon and evening there are many local sites that you might enjoy, as well as an on-site restaurant and Mulligan’s bar, with live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. For those who have additional vacation plans, leaving on either Saturday evening or Sunday will give you lots of options.

PLACE: The Holiday Inn Golf & Conference Center
Staunton, VA www.histaunton.com

COSTS: Luncheon: \$30.00 per person; children 3-12 half price; children 2 and under free

Hotel Room at the Holiday Inn: \$99.99 per night (about \$110.00 with taxes)

This includes 1-4 people, free parking, king or 2 double beds, no cover charge to Mulligan’s, free golf

privileges at the Country Club course, indoor/outdoor pool, fitness center, WiFi, in-room coffee, new flat-screen TV, and more...

We’re working on commemorative shirts, bags, and hats, as well as getting raffle items, decorations, and favors together. It will be wonderful!

The KOA Campground at Verona, VA is only a few minutes from the hotel.

For those who want to have a longer vacation in this part of the country, here are some ideas:

Washington, DC – Fly into Dulles or National a few days early, tour the museums and monuments, then rent a car and drive to the Valley (about 2-2.5 hours). Or reverse the process. Or take the additional 20-minute flight into our local airport (about 10-15 minutes from the hotel, with a shuttle available). Fly back out of the major airport.

Colonial Virginia – fly into Richmond International, then travel about 1.5 hours east to colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown. Stay a few days, or go to the Atlantic at Virginia Beach/Norfolk/Portsmouth, then come west to Staunton (travel on I-64 the entire way) – about 4 hours from the ocean, 3 hours from the colonial area, and 1.5 hours from Richmond. Visit Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello while passing through Charlottesville (40 minutes from Staunton). Come to the reunion and then fly back out of Richmond. Or reverse the process. Or drive north from Richmond to Stafford County and see the original documents of the arrival of Louis and Benjamin Reynaud and their families in 1688!!

Civil War Vacation - travel around Virginia, the state that not only had the capital of the Confederacy (Richmond) but also had the most battles. See Bull Run, where the first land battle was fought and “Stonewall” Jackson got his nickname, and Appomattox Courthouse, where the War ended with Gen. R.E. Lee surrendering to General U.S. Grant.

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66 Attend the 29th Annual Oklahoma Reunion

Seated: Samuel Russell and Barbara Burchfiel Reneau
 Standing: Louvinia, Jim, and Mary Martha
 Samuel and Barbara Reneau with 3 of their 13 children

The 29th Annual Samuel Russell and Barbara Burchfiel Reneau Reunion was held Sunday, August 31, at the BiCentennial Building in Wakita, OK. Sixty six family members and friends attended. Clede Wells and the Perry Reneau family served as hosts.



Aunt Ruth Reneau Perry

On Saturday evening, preceding the reunion, 29 family members gathered to celebrate the occasion with Aunt Ruth Perry, at the Community Care Center in Anthony. Aunt Ruth, who turned 100 last January, is one of five surviving first cousins. There were 50 paternal first cousins.

At the main reunion on Sunday, Janice Clendennen gave a report on the family cookbook, a collection of favorite old and current family recipes. The cookbook also contains a sprinkling of individual family histories. Copies can be purchased from Marlene Michael: Michael_m@bellsouth.net. Janice also gave the invocation and a bountiful meal was enjoyed by all. The program was moderated by Paul Snow and assisted by his brother Corwin Snow. Ada DeWitt was recognized as the oldest family member present, and Trevin Reneau was the youngest. Melinda Reneau, Ft Lauderdale, FL traveled the greatest distance.

Im Snow and her daughter, Lauren, gave separate testimonials concerning their Christian experience.

Marica Prince contacted and gave a report on the five surviving first cousins, and three others from the same generation who married into the family. The cousins recognized were Ruth Perry, Anthony, KS; Ollie Mae Mann, Napa, CA; Alice Savoca, Kansas City, MO; Bob Reneau, Alva, OK; and Betty Lou Hodge, Toledo, OH. In-laws recognized were: Ada DeWitt, Pineville, MO; Doris Reneau, Louisville, KY; and Geneva Price, Lamar, MO.

Cleda Wells gave a moving tribute to her mother, Ruth Cramner Reneau, who recently passed away. Corwin Snow recognized and gave a tribute to family members serving or who had served in the armed forces.

Attendees enjoyed two video presentations including the life of Ruth Reneau, and the 50th Wedding Anniversary of John and Ruth Perry. The group also enjoyed various updates on family members.

Entertainment was provided by Corwin and Kim Snow, Kyle and Lauren; Paul Snot; Dale and Marcia Weishaar; Lloyd Weishaar; Bob Reneau; and Harry King.

Our next and high attendance reunion will be Sunday, September 6, 2009 at the BiCentennial Building in Wakita. Officers for the next reunion include: Paul Snow Reunion Chairman and moderator; Corwin Snow, Assistant Moderator; Bob Reneau, Moderator Emeritus; Clede Wells and the Perry Reneau family, hosts; Curtis Slaton, treasurer; and Bonnie Cox, mailing lists.

Those attending from Kansas were: Ruth Perry, Anthony; Curtis Slaton, Ashland; Jim Reneau, Dodge City; Dale and Marcia Weishaar and Wesley, Lloyd and Lee Wishaar, all from Argonia; and Julianne King, Wichita.

Attending from Wakita were: William Holden, Junior and Virginia Nzahdigall, Mikael Waldie; and Steve Reneau and Leigh Uttinger, Cera and Lukas.

Enid attendees were: Clede Wells; Carol Silvers and Ron Manning, Ashlyn and Reagan; and Derek Reneau and Trevin, Shannon Roby, Dylan and Jaydon Stanley.

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Visit Lexington (only 30 miles south of Staunton) where both Lee and Stonewall Jackson are buried. Visit New Market (about an hour north of Staunton) where the VMI cadets marched, fought, and died. Petersburg, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, the Valley Campaign, the western fortifications... All major sites can be seen in day trips from Staunton, or a circuitous tour around the state could be planned. If you travel north a bit, there's Gettysburg (PA), Antietam (MD), and in DC see Ford's Theater, the House where Lincoln died, the Lincoln Memorial, and Oak Hill Cemetery, where Gen. Jesse Lee Reno is buried.

Scenic Vacation – See the beauty of the autumn leaves in the surrounding area; travel the Blue Ridge Parkway or the Skyline Drive; visit some of the many caverns that line the Shenandoah Valley; enjoy the mountains of West(ern) Virginia, or visit the Natural Bridge (about 45 miles south of Staunton on I-81).

Cultural/Historic Staunton – Plan to see one or more Shakespeare plays at the American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriar's Playhouse; visit Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Birthplace; or tour the Museum of American Frontier Culture, with active farms and interpreters for German, English, Scots/Irish, and American farms, a working blacksmith, and other exhibits. The downtown area was the first in VA to receive the American Main Street Award. Ride the free trolley around this historic town to see Victorian architecture and much more. If you enjoy glass, there are glassblowing demonstrations almost daily at Sunspots, and Trinity Church has 23 magnificent stained glass windows, 12 of them by Tiffany. Ask for a tour!

I hope this is enough information to get you excited and looking forward to this wonderful reunion. We hope to have 150 or more for lunch, as the word gets out and more cousins find us. I think you can see that by locating in the Shenandoah Valley we can host a lovely, affordable event and still provide plenty of opportunity for those dream vacations many of you have been planning. As Mary put it, "We feel we have chosen the best option for everyone!"

Questions and Comments??? Please respond to this e-mail or call Brenda at 540-885-9618 (home) or 540-849-5633 (cell).

A tremendous thank you for the suggestions and assistance that many of you have given us. We appreciate your input and look forward to having more help as the year goes by and the Reunion gets closer...

With love from your 2009 Reno/Reneau Reunion planners in Virginia,

Don & Mary Reno and Brenda Rose

UPDATE....

Genealogy of the Reno/Reneau Family in America, 1600 - 1920

Due to work commitments, Dr. Steve Fancy has chosen to withdraw from Reno/Reneau genealogy for a "few years". Sue Damewood has taken the lead and will continue to put the book on-line. To find it, go to:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/d/a/m/Sue-Reneau-Damewood/index.html>

This book includes some of the related families which were not included in earlier versions. Also, an additional page has been added near the front which is entitled CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS. This is intended to let readers know where some major changes/corrections have been made. Please contact Sue with any corrections or additions to the book. Her e-mail address is suedamewood@frontiernet.net. It will remain at the 1930 timeframe, at least until the 1940 census comes out. Sue does not plan to have copies for sale at this time.

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Medford attendees were: Mary and Kevin Downing, Harley, Sydney, Haden and Piper; Bob Smith; and Carolyn Reith.

Other Oklahoma attendees included: Joe and Mary Reneau, Prague; David and Amy Reneau, Kerestin, Kaitlyn and

Kimberlin, Bixby; John and Deborah Holden, Braman; Bob Reneau and Lorraine Malzahn, Alva; and Marcia and Kevin Prince, Amanda and Amber, Cushing.

Attending from Texas were: Elaine Snow, Tyler; Corwin and Kim Snow, Kyle and Lauren, Flower Mound; Paul and Linda Snow, Austin; Janice and Darrell Clendennen, Justin; Harry King, Canadian; Bonnie Cox, Fairview; and Jennifer Kuzbary, Garland.

Also attend: Ada Dewitt and Rita Nakata, Pineville, MO; Shirley Meadows, Anderson, MO; Melinda Reneau, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Family members and friends are encouraged to start making plans now for attending our HIGH ATTENDANCE reunion on September 6, 2009 in Wakita.

Welcome new readers: Jim Reneau, Dodge City, KS; Sam Reneau, Fletcher, NC; William and Michele Reneau, Charleston, SC; Robbie Reneau, Wailuku (Maui), Hawaii, Melinda Reneau, Fort Lauderdale, FL, and Tricia Iveson, Arlington, VA.

Did you know the "Reneau/Reno Review" is financed entirely by donations? We mail nearly 232 issues and email another 88 issues. That is about 320 families who read our newsletter—all about Reno/Reneau Ancestors. Thank you so much for helping to make this possible!

Visiting the Northwest....

Anna Reneau Chandler and husband Toby attended the Military Vehicle Preservation Association convention in Portland, OR in June of this year, and were able to visit Charles and Anita Reneau Daniels just across the river in Vancouver, WA



l-r: Toby and Anna Chandler, Anita and Charles Daniels

The couples enjoyed an evening together, with dinner at the Grant House in Historic Ft Vancouver. The dinner was delicious, although the two "Southern boys" were a bit chagrined to be dining in a "Yankee" General's quarters. General Grant and his family lived in the house when Grant was a Captain stationed at Fort Vancouver.



The Military Vehicle Preservation Association is an International organization dedicated to the collection, and restoration of historic military vehicles. For more information please visit their website at www.mvpa.org/ Anna Reneau Chandler is the daughter of Maynard Loren Reneau with heritage through the Francis Marion Reneau line. Anita Reneau Daniels is the daughter of Marion James Reneau with lineage through the Isaac Tipton Reneau line.



On her way to visit her son, Charles, in Seattle, **May Sparks Comfort** and her Westie, Heather, of San Diego, CA, stopped off in Vancouver, WA to visit Charles and Anita Daniels and their Sheltie, Samantha. It was a pleasant visit, which included sharing memories of past Reno/Reneau Reunions, and updating each other on Reno/Reneau cousins. May is the daughter of Ruby Claborn Sparks, and her Reneau line is through her grandmother, Susan Mary Reneau Claborn.

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TEXAS BLUBERRY FESTIVAL

Blueberry Star Pet Talent Contest

Included in the 29th Annual Nacogdoches Texas Bluberry Festival on June 14, 2008, were 50 pets in the Festival Pet Parade and Competition. First place in the cutest pet contest was awarded to K. C. Reneau's dog, a Chihuahua/Pomeranian named Jack! The Nacogdoches Animal Services sponsored the event. K.C. is the daughter of Russell Reneau. Her Reneau lineage is: Russell Reneau. Benton G., Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.



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The History of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Albany, Kentucky

contributed by Betty Hadus Reneau con't from last issue

The walls were painted a light tan with coordinating colors elsewhere. The Chalice area had new wine drapes with matching window treatments. Wine-figured carpet was installed in the Sanctuary, up the aisles, and in the vestibule. The room at the end of the vestibule was made into a library with built-in bookcases, an upholstered chair, table and a lamp. New lights were installed in all other areas where they were needed. In 2003-2006, the remainder of the Church, the basement and outside, was completed. The entire basement was torn out, with new partitions enlarging the Fellowship Hall and changing some of the Sunday School rooms. The kitchen was re-done with built in cabinets and new appliances. A single handicapped restroom was built to replace the two small ones. A new gas furnace/air conditioning system was installed. An arch was made at the entrance into the basement, making the entranceway higher with handrails along each side of the steps. The entire outside concrete walls steps, porch, and columns walls, steps, porch, columns were sandblasted and reconsecrated where repair was badly needed. The center handrail down the steps and railings around the porch were cleaned and repainted. New double doors were installed at the entrance of the Church. The steps and porch were covered with brown tile. A Rededication Service was held on Sunday, May 7, 2006, with Dr. Michael Gatton, Interim Minister for almost three years, leading the Morning Worship Hour, and Dr. Gregory Alexander, Regional Minister of Kentucky, leading the Afternoon Service. This was just a few months short of the 172nd Anniversary of the Church. (Dec. 21, 2006).

The first Parsonage owned by the Church was bought in the early 1940's. Rev. T. Howard Stark, Pastor for one year in 1941-1942, and his wife lived in the parsonage of the First Methodist with their Minister, whose wife was deceased. The first Parsonage was a very small, two story frame house

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We Remember...

Ora Lee Reneau



Ora Lee Potter Reneau, a resident of Wetumpka, Alabama, born Nov 6, 1924, passed away on July 8, 2008, at the age of 83. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest Potter and Ora Tully Potter Farris, and her husband of 43 years, William Bailey Reneau. She is survived by her son, Robert (Karen)

Reneau of Wetumpka, and daughter, Amy Reneau (Robert) Tropfenbaum of Pike Road, three grandchildren: Dr. Susan (Marshall) Rathmell of Brimingham, Emily (Joey) Glasgow of Tuscaloosa, and Steve Reneau of Wetumpka; and one grand-dog, Bo.

Ora Lee's Reneau line is through her husband, William Bailey Reneau: William Bailey Reneau, Columbus Truman, Stephen Bailey, Jacob L., William Bailey, William Tipton, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis.

Ora Lee was born in Dallas, Texas, and moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where she graduated from Landon High School. She was a graduate of the University of Alabama with a B.S. in Accounting, and was a member of the Phi Mu Sorority. There, she met her future husband and they later moved to Wetumpka, where he practiced law for 40 years until his death in 1988. She was a devoted wife and mother as well as an accomplished pianist who entertained her family for many years with her favorite songs from the 40s and 50s. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Wetumpka for 60 years.

There was a memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 2008, at First Methodist Church of Wetumpka, with Rev. Jeremy Pridgeon, Rev. George Sedberry, and Rev. Fred Zeigler officiating. Burial followed at Pine View Memorial Gardens Cemetery, with Ellison Funeral Home directing. Honorary pallbearers were: Dan Chambliss, Judge Ed Enslin, George Howard, Judge Joe Macon, Ed Morgan, and C.E. (Bubber) Weldon. Active pallbearers were: Dr. Spencer Coleman, Allen Collier, Jimmy Collier, Dennis Fain, Mike Harper, Jimmy Swink, Joey Glasgow, and Marshall Rathmell.

In lieu of flowers or food, memorial contributions may be made to the Fellowship Hall Restoration Fund of First United Methodist Church of Wetumpka, 306 West Tuskeena Street, Wetumpka, Alabama 36092, or to Faith Grace Hospice, 540 Clay Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

Dwight Arthur Reneau



Dwight A. Reneau, 90, of Floyd, Texas, passed away Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at Renaissance Hospital in Terrell. Dwight was born on July 18, 1917 in Caddo Mills, Texas to Benton G. and Willie Surratt Reneau. He was their second child, joining big sister Mackie Lee. Four additional

siblings joined the family between 1918 and 1925: Wilma Belle, Billy Boyd, Weldon Loyd, and Benton G. Jr.

Dwight's Reneau line is Benton G. Reneau, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Dwight married Marie Arey on February 27, 1942. They had two children: Ronnie Eugene, and Brenda Kay. The family farmed in the Floyd area.



Marie and Dwight Reneau
Floyd, Texas
c. 1995

Dwight is survived by his son, Ronnie of Greenville, TX, daughter Brenda Reneau of Arlington, TX; two sisters, Mackie Lee Maples and husband W.D. of Wolfe City, TX and Wilma Graham of Wolfe City TX; two brothers, Bill Reneau of Wolfe City, TX and Benton G. Reneau and Wife Delia of Ferris, TX. Dwight was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marie, who passed away on May 30, 1997; and brother, Weldon Loyd, who died in 1985.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 AM, Monday, May 19, 2008 at Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Texas, where Dwight was laid to rest beside his wife, Marie. Dr. Kevin Mitchell officiated. Dwight A. Reneau was remembered with the Bible verse: But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Chirst. 1 Corinthians 15, verse 57.

Reneau celebrates 50th year of ministry
 from Clinton County News
 Albany, KY Thurs, June 19, 2008



1958
 College of the Bible
 Betty and her family –
 l-r: Oren, Betty, Hadus, and Isaac Reneau

On Monday, June 16, 2008, Betty Hadus Reneau, 314 Tennessee Road, Albany, observed the 50th anniversary of her Ordination as a Minister in the Christian Church/Disciples of Christ. Having graduated on June 6, 1958, from the College of the Bible (now Lexington Theological Seminary) in Lexington, Kentucky, with a Bachelor of Divinity degree with a major in Christian Education, she was ordained here at the Albany First Christian Church by the Christian Church at large, the Christian Church in Kentucky, and the local church.

Both her father, Isaac O. Reneau, and her brother, Rev. O. N. Reneau of Grafton, West Virginia, participated in the service, her father being an Elder in the local church. Others participating were those of the local church, the State, and the Seminary, having the laying-on-hands to dedicate the new minister.

In the following years, Rev. Reneau served as the Minister of Education in the First Christian Church, El Dorado, Arkansas; South Joplin Christian Church, Joplin, Missouri; First Christian Church in Independence, Missouri; First Christian Church, Mexico, Missouri. She set up the Christian Education program of the churches, trained teachers for all age groups including Camp/Conference, Vacation Church School, Youth Groups, and filled the pulpit at times.

Following the death of her brother Fulton in 1960, his wife's death 13 months later, the retirement of her parents from Reneau's Drug Store in 1962, Reneau returned home in 1963 to see to her parents.

She then prepared to teach school which she did for almost 38 years (72.74) retiring in 1993. She began in high school teaching Health and Social Studies, English, and Remedial Reading at Wayne County High School in Monticello, Kentucky. One year was spent teaching 7th and 8th grade Math in the Gallatin County Schools at Warsaw, Kentucky. She then went to Burkesville, Kentucky where she taught one year in the high school; 21 years of Speech Therapy, 18 of which included four schools; two years as home instructor. She now does substitute teaching in Clinton County at Albany Elementary School, mainly in Speech Therapy.

The change from church educational work to public educational work is still a type of ministry to which one must be fully dedicated, especially in Remedial Reading and Speech Therapy, as you try to help the students discover they can do much more than they often think they can. She has been active in the work of the church and ministry in her home church, teaching church school, vacation church school, Camp/Conference, sometimes filling the pulpit, and many other things. She has served with the Chaplaincy Program at the Clinton County Hospital and is active in the Clinton County Ministerial Association.

Rev. Reneau's comment about these 50 years is: "There is no greater ministry for God than helping one of His precious children to achieve something to better his or her life physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually."
 Ed. note: Betty's Reneau lineage is Isaac Oren Reneau, Reuben James Shannon, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

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Reneau Book of Memories

We have recently reprinted the Reneau Book of Memories Through the Years. The book contains stories, memories, photos and articles from those who sent information and/or attended the Reneau Family Reunion in San Antonio, TX on Oct. 25, 2003. (This Reunion was the beginning of the "National Reno/Reneau Family Reunions," as there were several branches of Reneau families attending (or sending information). The 251 page soft cover book contains information on Hezekiah, Samuel Russell, William Tipton, Charles Frances, Isaac Tipton, John Pleasant Thurman (Reno), Nathaniel Smith, Jonathan Mulkey, William T, and Berry Jordan, and their descendants.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the book, please complete the form below:

<p><u>Reneau Book of Memories</u> \$25.00 per book, including postage Enclose \$25.00 per copy ___ books @ \$25.00 ea. = ___ Name: _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Check payable to: Anita Daniels, Reno/Reneau Family Acct Anita Reneau Daniels. 17617 SE 34th Cir. Vancouver, WA 986833</p>
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 on Burkesville Road, having a low lying lot on the west side of it. This property is now part of the Albany Elementary School playground. The second parsonage was bought in the 1960s, following the sale of the first to the Clinton County Board of Education. The second parsonage was kept for only a short time. The present parsonage is located on Circle Drive in the Nolan Subdivision. This is part of the land that was the James Oscar Cole farm (James was married to Sarah Elizabeth Beard, daughter of Mary Bayless Reneau Beard, and granddaughter of Isaac Tipton Reneau) where the bricks for the Church were made. The parsonage also underwent extensive renovation during the years that work was being done on the Church. In November 1990, the Church bought the Wisdom Garage building which sits next door to the Church and where the frame Church had been located. This was done with the idea that the Church might expand across this area, but this was not done. The old building was torn down and now provides a parking lot for the Church and City Hall during the week. The most recent, and last, property bought by the Church is a two story brick building on Washington Street, known as the Barns Building. The back of it joins the backside of the parking lot. It has some apartments upstairs and two adjoining store spaces downstairs, both needing much work. It served as a Boy and Girl Scout Center for about a year, and now is a Thrift Store with clothing that can be bought very cheaply or even given to persons in need.
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From Texas ...

Gene Reneau and daughter, Kristina Marie

At some point in a parent's life there is a time for a child to leave the nest. It is fun to see them starting out on their own. I had encouraged my daughter, Kristina Marie, to look at Pacific Lutheran University in



Tacoma, WA since my wife had been raised in the Portland, OR area. Besides having family in the Northwest our church, Beautiful Savior Lutheran in Amarillo, had several students to attend PLU. So on August 29th Kristina and I began the next chapter of her life. We made it to Albuquerque, NM for our first night on the road. The following days we visited the Painted Desert and the Grand Canyon. In Page, AZ we visited the Glen Canyon Dam and Lake Powel. At the dam signs everywhere said to sign up for the tours early---so we did. When the time arrived we approached the desk and discovered we were the tour. A great time to travel is when school has started something to look forward to at retirement I've decided. The trip up I-15 toward Salt Lake City was great with lots of arches and beautiful scenery to see. We spent several days in Salt Lake with friends from Amarillo. We did the typical tourist things, the Great Salt Lake, Mormon Temple, and mines, since our friends were connected with that.

Our next main stop was Portland, OR. I met my wife, Jane, here while I was doing an internship working with hearing impaired infants. Kristina and I went to Grieg Hall where Jane and I met at Norwegian folk dance class. Both Jane and I are of Scandinavian descent. We went to coffee shops and many other places Jane and I had frequented. We also visited the church where we were married. This was so special to me. Jane had died of colon cancer when Kristina was two years old.

Finally we headed toward Tacoma by way of Cannon Beach and Astoria. The trip was coming to an end and I could tell Kristina was wanting to get to the campus. PLU was established in 1892 by Norwegian immigrants. It has pretty buildings and huge trees of course any tree is huge compared to our lack of trees in the Texas panhandle. In the dorm we discovered they had run out of dorm rooms so Kristina and three other girls were given a former lounge---30 X 30. Not the typical dorm room by any means. I enjoyed meeting all the roommates' parents and participating in many of



the activities for parents and students. I felt I was leaving my daughter in good hands as I flew back to Amarillo.

The house is quiet. Thank goodness for texting and cell phones and email. My life is now to update my house since I am the only one who has to live in saw dust and paint.

Kristina Marie Reneau-Windell Eugene "Gene" Reneau-James Windell Reneau-James Garfield Reneau-John Mulkey Reneau-Isaac Tipton Reneau-John Reno-Charles Reno-John Reno-Lewis Reno.

....To Tacoma

After just 2 weeks at PLU, Kristina left for Korea to perform with her dance group. She writes: The dance group is Boy Scout Venture crew 9 out of Amarillo, Texas and we are called the Kwahadi Indian Dancers. The group was started in 1944 and given the name Kwahadi by the Elders of the Comanche Nation. We have performed in 48 states and overseas including Germany, Jordan, and South Korea. The style of dance that Indian pueblo line dances in the winter, and in the summer we do the more modern powwow styles of dance.

Our trip to South Korea was for the Busan TreX Games which is sponsored by the International Olympic Committee. We were



Kristina, left in back, with Kwahadi Dancers

invited to represent all of North America in the opening ceremonies. I left the states on September 24th from SeaTac airport, had a connection in Tokyo, Japan and arrived in Busan, South Korea at around 9 pm on Sept. 25th/ 5am our time. I had to fly by myself as the group from Amarillo was leaving a day before me and were flying out of Amarillo, not Seattle. The first couple days were spent rehearsing for the opening ceremony and doing some exploring around the hotel. Then, we had the opening ceremony and our performance went without a hitch. Over the next few days we did short performances in various locations such as in a park by the City Hall. Most of the time, when we were done performing for the day, we were allowed to go watch

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Then...



MRS. D. C. KNIGHT
**Edith M. Reneau
Becomes Bride
Of Darrell Knight**

The marriage of Miss Edith Marie Reneau to Darrell Clayton Knight was solemnized Friday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur E. Reneau, 415 Newell. Bernard E. Lemmons officiated.

Among the guests at the wedding were the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Knight of Ballinger.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore a white marquisette gown fashioned with a bertha and peplum of Chantilly lace. She wore long white gloves. Her fingertip veil of illusion fell from a tiara of heirloom Brussels lace embroidered with seed pearls. The bride carried a white Bible decorated with an orchid.

Mrs. C. D. DeLoach was matron of honor and James E. Knight of Ballinger, the bridegroom's brother, was best man.

During the reception which followed the ceremony, the house party included Miss Elaine Elliot, Miss Wilma Ramsey of Sherman and Miss Peggy Randolph of Cherokee.

After a wedding trip to South Texas, the couple will be at home in Ballinger. The bride is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and a former student of Abilene Christian College.

Other out-of-town wedding guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Knight and Ray Knight, Ballinger; Wilbur E. Reneau Jr., Abilene; Miss Gwen Woods, Ranger; Miss Pat Farley, San Saba; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hutchins, Greenville, and Mr. and Mrs. S. M. McKillop, Port Arthur.

tall in one picture and so far we have not had all of them together at one time. We have 8 grandchildren (3 girls and 5 boys)-all married and we have 14 great grandchildren with two more on the way! 12 of these great grandchildren are boys, so we only have 2 little great granddaughter as of now. We understand both expected new babies may be girls! All three sons and their wives live close to us—Steve across the road, Danny three miles down the road and Larry in Abilene-20 miles away. We are fortunate to have them this close. The grandchildren are for the most part fairly close, but we have one family in Kenai, AK, one in Franklin, TN, one in Humble, TX, one and Mansfield, TX and one in Rockport TX.

An update on the information in the announcement of our marriage in the Dallas paper:

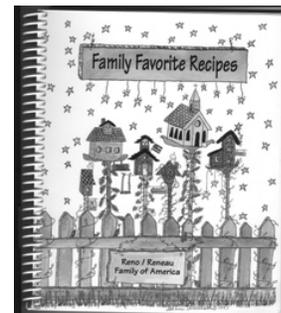
We farmed in Runnels County, TX during the early 1950's until the drought got us. In 1957 we moved to Brownfield, TX and Darrell went to work as a tractor mechanic for the Allis Chalmers dealership there. After Daddy's (Tipton Moore Reneau) health broke in the early 1960's we moved to Abilene to be closer to Dad and Mother, then in 1981 we moved to the farm in Jones County, TX where we are now. Darrell retired in August of 2007 at the age of 78. He has developed heart problems and is not able to work now. Everything surgical the doctors thought might help has been tried, some helped and others didn't. I'm in good health and I am thankful for that. Gene, my only sibling, died in Dec of 2006. His wife, Alyce still lives next door to us with her daughter and son-in-law.

(Marie's Reneau lineage is Tipton Moore Reneau, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles Reno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis jr., Lewis sr.)

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Reno/Reneau Cookbook A Great Gift

We have copies of the Reno/Reneau Cookbook available. The book makes a great gift. I wish the photo at the right was in color! It would really show how colorful and bright this cookbook is! There are 232 pages of delicious recipes from Reno/Reneau descendants across the United States. The deluxe wire binding allows you to easily open the book to lay flat. Each recipe shows the city and state where the contributor lives, and the relationship to his or her nearest ancestor who has the Reno or Reneau surname.



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And Now...



Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary
with their 3 sons and spouses

Sitting: Marie and Darrell Knight

l-r: Steve and Pat, Lary and Mary Kay, Danny and Jan
1999

August 30, 2008
Hawley, TX

Marie Reneau Knight writes:

We don't have any pictures that include all the grandchildren and great grandchildren—we have so many greats you can't get them

Reneau on HGTV!

Maybe you are familiar with the HGTV's popular program, House Hunters. What a surprise it was to see the Reneau name on that program! TV

HGTV's House Hunters featured Charleston's Top Realtor, Michele Reneau, aired Sunday, August 17th. The episode showed Michele assisting the Vinson family in their search for a larger home to accommodate the needs of their growing family.



I emailed Michele to let her know about *the Reno/Reneau Review* and to find out the history of her name...

Michelle writes: "I married William Christopher Reneau (Chris), of Alexander City, AL in 2004. He just separated from the US Navy after 10.5 years of service. His final tour was in Charleston, SC at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command. He graduates from The Citadel in May 2009 and is now working as a Lead Engineer for a government contractor. As you saw from the show, I'm a real estate agent in the Charleston, SC area. My work bio is posted at:

<http://www.charlestonrelocationexperts.com/Nav.aspx/Page=/About/Default.aspx>. A link to the show will be posted to my website as soon as its available.

My husband's father is Charles W. Reneau, a decorated Army veteran that served in the Special Forces for 20+ years, also from the same area, but now living in Atlanta, GA and previously worked for the state of GA as the Assistant Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and also consults and teaches the same. His father was Charles Wilbur Reneau, also of Alexander City, AL."

From genealogist, Leigh Reneau Wimberly of Leesville, LA we learn more about their Reneau heritage: Leigh talked to Chris' Reneau's father, about the family tree... The decadency line is from John Reno and Susannah Thorn; Charles Reno and Elizabeth Tipton; William Tipton Reneau and Genny Scroggin; William Bailey Reneau and Sarah Maynard; Humphrey Scroggin Reneau and Mary Singleton; Thomas Reneau and Sarah Robinson; Wilbur N. Reneau; Charles Wilbur Reneau; Charles W. Reneau; and then to William Christopher and wife Michele.

Did you know that the Reno/Reneau Review is sent to Renos and Reneaus in 31 states?

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some of the events or get on the subway and go to the beach. Some of the events that I watched were BMX,



Kristina in front with friend Lauren posing with German Dancers

skateboarding, speed rockwall climbing, and a few martial arts demos. One day of

our trip we went and toured a Buddhist Temple.

It was beautiful and very peaceful. We were in Korea for

11 days. I missed weeks of classes. On the flight home I got to stay with the group until we reached Japan. Then we parted ways. When I got back to campus on October 4th, I was so jetlagged I slept from 10 in the morning to 6 in the evening then stayed up until 6 am. I ended up sleeping for most of the weekend before my classes trying to get back into the right time zone. I had a wonderful time. I met people from Holland, France, Latvia, Poland, and of course many Koreans

Sharing!



Last week we received a gift from our 5 year old (really ready to start Kindergarten!) grandson, Ryan. The photo shows Ryan with the 15 Backpacks and School Supplies for Kids at Share House

We have been taking care of Ryan while his parents work since he was 3 months old. Well, as you all well know, time just keeps marching on and he is now ready to start Kindergarten. Ryan, his mom and dad (Charlene and Ralph) found a wonderful way to thank us. The following is a poem he and his mom read to us as they then uncovered 15 school backpacks with school supplies that are being given to Share House in our honor:

*Thank you for the love and care
Because of you I know how to share
I'm lucky to have you and all my stuff
But I know there are kids who don't have enough
So we bought these backpacks and all these supplies
I'm giving them away in your honor! You won't believe your eyes!
Fifteen other kids weren't as lucky as me, but now they will
have backpacks for school – yippee!*

What a wonderful mission in our community and a great way to think of others!

Ryan's Reneau lineage is: Charlene Daniels Welch, Anita Reneau Daniels, Marion James Reneau, Eugene LaRue, Barton Warren Stone, Isaac Tipton, John, Charles sReno/Reneau, John Reno, Lewis Jr., Lewis Sr.

Charles & Anita Daniels

What's in a Name?

Reneau, Reno

by Dollye McAlister Elliott
reprinted from

Reneau Book of Memories Through the Years

People not acquainted with the many variations of Colonists names in the 17th and 18th centuries are inclined to feel that the different spellings actually refer to different families. Not so. Researchers on their family lines will find the family name spelled in different ways, often phonetically. These names were usually written by a court official; if a person could write and sign his name, that was usually the correct spelling.

People in the 17th and 18th centuries, here and in Britain, were not overly concerned about spelling anything. It was not until Samuel Johnson published his Dictionary in the 18th century that even educated people spelled the same word the same way. One can find, as I have, English legal documents where the same word is spelled several different ways in the same document. Renaud, Reynaud, Renault, etc., are common names in France and considered branches of the same families. Also, it is very possible that the clerk in the English government office recording Lewis Reynaud's Denization did not ask Lewis how to spell his name, but spelled it as the clerk pleased.

When the Reneaus and other French Huguenots arrived in the English colony of Virginia, the colonists spelled their names as they sounded to English ears. Most of the English colonists would have had trouble with the spelling "Reneau" or "Reyanud" and anglicized the spelling and name to Reno – pronounced Ren-NO', as it can be found spelled Renno and Rennoe in the contemporary county records.

There had become something of a stigma in England on being a Huguenot, as the refugees flooded into London, so Huguenots tended to anglicize their names to assimilate into the populace.

Since Reno, Nevada, was named for Union General Jesse Lee Reno, who was fatally wounded in the Civil War, the pronunciation of Reno popularly became pronounced RE'-no. (The name of my brother Reneau, whom we called REN'-o, was mispronounced by friends and acquaintances alike as REE'-no, and occasionally Bruno!)

A rule of thumb in the spellings "Reneau" and "Reno" appears to be that those of the family who stayed in the environs of Tennessee and Kentucky and those who went farther South changed the spelling from Reno (?back) to Reneau about the time of the American Revolution and the popularity of the Marquis de la Fayette; those of the same family who went North and West retained the Reno spelling.

sometimes differ, but it is the same person!

Moving Right Along...

Terrell Perkins, son of Anna Reneau Chandler, recently moved from Austin Texas to Capitan, New Mexico. I asked Terrell how he likes his new place and to let us know how he is doing...

Terrell writes about his endeavors:

"I am opening a blacksmithing shop. I forge furniture and architectural hardware but especially love making metal sculpture. It may take some time to make a success here but I LOVE looking out and seeing Capitan Gap in the Lincoln National Forest from my front door every morning. I have deer in the yard every day. I've seen bear, elk and mountain lions around the mountains and Oryx in the desert. The edge of the desert is about twelve miles from here and the place where the mountains meet the desert has always been a magical place to me. The local culture is made up of Mexican, Spanish, Apache, Navajo and Old Western influences mixed with modern American. Ten miles to the East is the historic town of Lincoln, NM of Billy the Kid fame and twenty miles to the South is Ruidoso, a mountain resort community, known for skiing and horse racing. The Mescalero Apache reservation is right next door where people come to gamble at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. My folks (Anna and Toby Chandler) have a Summer home here right on the edge of the forest overlooking a beautiful valley and up to Nogal peak. They are about 15 miles from me.

I now live in a town that doesn't even have a stop light in it. It is New Mexico's version of Mayberry! Some great folks live here...most are very friendly. I love this place!"

Wow, Terrell's description of life in New Mexico just makes you want to pack up and head for a visit! Terrell is such a talented writer...just take a look at his blog on-line at:

<http://blacksmithscorner.blogspot.com/>.

Terrell notes the blog is primarily for him, but have had some interesting responses from folks around the country.

We wish each of you a
Blessed Christmas & New Year!